

Weekly Legislative Update for State Historic Preservation Offices

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1) PRESERVATION ACTION'S GRASSROOTS POLL 2008

This week, Preservation Action distributed its 2008 Grassroots Poll. Already, the organization has gotten a great response! As of today, funding for State Historic Preservation Offices leads as the #1 grassroots priority by a wide margin. The poll helps Preservation Action prioritize its time on the Hill, structure its internship program, and tailor its weekly updates to members. The poll is also an opportunity to gather new ideas about local problems with potential federal policy solutions.

Poll results will be announced at Preservation Action's members meeting in Tulsa, OK at the National Trust for Historic Preservation's annual conference. The meeting is scheduled for 2:00 to 3:30 and all are invited.

Click here to vote for the 2009 Grassroots Agenda:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=Ga2yNumdPwIW_2bhN4gCi5Vw_3d_3d

2) AMERICAN VOTED PRESIDENT OF INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF MONUMENTS AND SITES

At its last General Assembly meeting, the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) elected American Gustavo Araoz, the Executive Director of ICOMOS's US National Committee, as the President of the international organization. This is the first time in the organization's 44-year history that an American has led the global network.

Since chartered in 1964, ICOMOS has been dedicated to promoting the application of theory, methodology, and scientific techniques to the conservation of the architectural and archaeological heritage worldwide. Its work is based on the principles established in the 1964 International Charter on the Conservation and Restoration of Monuments and Sites.

ICOMOS's membership includes 7500 preservation professionals throughout the world. The organization works for the conservation and protection of cultural heritage places. It is the only global non-government organization of its kind.

US leadership at ICOMOS supports significant expansion of US preservation professionals' exchange of ideas with colleagues in other countries. Mr. Araoz's Presidency was established by

a wide-margin majority vote at the most recent General Assembly. He is looking to expand participation of all ICOMOS members to create a more active, expanded international network.

3) DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR PRESERVATION OFFICER AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE OCTOBER 20TH

This year, the Secretary of the Interior historic preservation created an annual award program to recognize the outstanding contributions of the employees of Federal, State, and Tribal Preservation Offices and Certified Local Governments in the area of historic preservation.

The award was established to provide cabinet-level recognition of Section 110(h) of the National Historic Preservation Act through a statutory mandate. Employees of the National Park Service are not eligible for this award.

The deadline for the inaugural 2008 award is October 20, 2008.

Click here for the nomination form:

<http://www.doi.gov/initiatives/SOI%20Award%20Nomination%20Announcement%20%20FINAL.pdf>